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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, UR, TQ

SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED SOVIET LANDING IN TRUST TERRITORY

REF: CINCPACFLT CABLE TO COMNAV Marianas Guam  
DTG 012100Z FEB 77 (NOT SENT MOSCOW)

1. REFTEL CITES INFORMATION THAT ON DECEMBER 20, 1976,  
30 TO 40 SOVIET SAILORS LANDED AT SOROL ATOLL (8 DEGREES N.,  
140 DEGREES E.) IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC  
ISLANDS, ASKING IF THE ISLAND HAD TIES WITH THE US AND IF  
US MILITARY MANEUVERS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE ISLAND.  
REFTEL ADDS THAT AVAILABLE LOCATING DATA INDICATES THAT  
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SOVIET SHIP LIKELY WAS FISHING RESEARCH VESSEL PROFESSOR  
DERYUGIN, WHICH ON THE SAME DAY WAS IDENTIFIED AT A  
LOCATION ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM SOROL.

2. EMBASSY IS DIRECTED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORAL  
STATEMENT TO AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE USA DIVISION  
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE FACT THAT SOVIET

SEAMEN MADE AN UNAUTHORIZED LANDING ON AN ISLAND OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ON DECEMBER 20, 1976. ON THAT DAY, 30 TO 40 SEAMEN FROM A VESSEL IDENTIFIED AS THE SOVIET FISHING RESEARCH SHIP PROFESSOR DERYUGIN LANDED AT SOROL ATOLL, LOCATED AT 8 DEGREES 8 MIN N., 141 DEGREES 25 MIN E, AND INQUIRED WHETHER US MILITARY MANEUVERS WERE HELD ON THE ISLAND.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VIEWS UNAUTHORIZED LANDINGS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WITH CONCERN. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS WOULD TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH LANDINGS BY ITS NATIONALS FROM RECURRING IN THE FUTURE.  
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